

**MCRC FROST CALL 011-04 DATED 18 FEBRUARY 04**

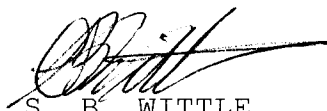
From: Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruiting Command

Subj: ORTHODONTIC APPLIANCE RESTRICTION

Ref: (a) MCO P1100.73B (Short Title: MPPM OFFPROC)

Encl: (1) Statement of Understanding (SOU) for Dental  
Requirements Prior to Attending Officer Candidate  
School (OCS).

1. Purpose. To inform the Marine Corps Recruiting Command, Naval Service Training Command and Officer Candidate School of the new dental requirements for officer candidates attending Officer Candidate School (OCS).
2. Background. Currently there is an unwritten USMC policy that allows candidates to attend and complete training at OCS who have permanent non-removable orthodontic appliances, as long as the orthodontic appliances are removed prior to commissioning.
3. Information. This policy as it currently exists, creates a possibility of injury to candidates, which could result in the replacement and/or repair of existing orthodontic appliance(s), possible future claim for injury, recycling and removal from the program.
4. Action. Effective immediately, all officer candidates, with orthodontic appliances in place, must have them removed at their own expense, prior to reporting to OCS for training. Additionally, all candidates will read and sign the SOU contained in enclosure (1).
5. The contents of this Frost Call will be incorporated into the next revision to the reference.
6. Point of contact is HMC Needham, MCRC Medical Reviewer, at (703) 784-9403.

  
S. B. WITTLE  
By direction

## **MPPM OFFPROC**

### **STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING DENTAL REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO ATTENDING OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL**

I have been advised by my OSO that it is my personal responsibility to ensure that all dental defects are corrected and orthodontic appliances are removed prior to reporting to training. Failure to obtain a dental examination from a qualified dentist and correction of any deficiencies to include caries (cavities), partial plates, caps, root canals, and extractions may be grounds for my disenrollment prior to the commencement of training at Officer Candidate School, Quantico, Virginia.

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(Applicant signature)

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(Date)

Witnessed by: \_\_\_\_\_

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(OSO/MOI)

(The cursory dental check received at a Military Entrance and Processing Station (MEPS) does not constitute a proper dental examination per the medical provisions of an Officer Candidate Program.)